

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 731

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Master Patrol Officer  
Spencer Daniel Bristol of Hendersonville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly wish to honor the memory of Master Patrol Officer Spencer Daniel Bristol, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty on December 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Master Patrol Officer Spencer Bristol was a brave and dedicated law enforcement officer who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Nashville on October 9, 1988, Master Patrol Officer Bristol was the son of Dan and Lee Ann Bristol; in his youth, he attended Station Camp High School, where he was a member of the football, track, and cross country teams; and

WHEREAS, upon his graduation in 2007, Master Patrol Officer Spencer Bristol joined the United States Navy as a Corpsman; during his time in the Navy, he was stationed in Pensacola, Florida, and Twentynine Palms, California, and he was deployed to Afghanistan with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marines; and

WHEREAS, Master Patrol Officer Bristol was honorably discharged from the United States Navy in 2012 and joined the Hendersonville Police Department in 2015 as a patrol officer; during his four-year tenure, he was assigned to the Flex and S.W.A.T. teams, and shortly before his death, he was promoted to the rank of Master Patrol Officer and was instrumental in the department's efforts to combat and control the city's drug trade; and

WHEREAS, Master Patrol Officer Spencer Bristol performed his appointed duties in an admirable manner that distinguished him as a credit to both his community and his profession; Hendersonville was undoubtedly made a better and safer place as a result of his service; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman of devout religious faith, Master Patrol Officer Bristol was a member of Hendersonville First Baptist Church, where he served in the Special Friends program; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Master Patrol Officer Bristol enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Lauren Hudson Bristol, and was the proud father of his young daughter, Eloise; he is lovingly remembered by his parents; his sister, Ashlen (T.J.) Farmer; his sister-in-law, Elizabeth Hudson; his parents-in-law, Donna and Ray Hudson; and his grandparents, Darrel and Lola Bristol; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Sylvia and Bobby Smith and Rachel Richards, and his aunt, Patricia Buchanan; and

WHEREAS, Master Patrol Officer Spencer Bristol leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity, probity, and valor in his public life as a law enforcement officer, compassion and loyalty in his private life, and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of this exceptional police officer and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that on behalf of a grateful public, we honor the memory and celebrate the life of Master Patrol Officer Spencer Daniel Bristol of the Hendersonville Police Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Master Patrol Officer Bristol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.